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SPEAKER CLARK TAKES FLOOR TO FIGHT CONSCRIPTION!

Wilson's Backers Claim Majority; U-Boat Attacking Mongolia When Sunk By Clean Hit

PLANTERS JOIN IN BIG CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FOODSTUFFS

Vital Recommendations From Experiment Station Adopted; Plans Outlined for Territory-Wide Activity; May Enter the Marketing Field Unless Present Agency is Adequate

The Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association this morning formally joined the new territory-wide campaign to "feed Hawaii first" and its great organization and resources are now enlisted in the plan to increase the production of foodstuffs in Hawaii and to insure efficient handling from producer to consumer.

A concrete and comprehensive plan of action made in a report to the planters' experiment station committee from H. P. Ages, director of the station, was recommended to the trustees of the association by its committee, whose chairman is J. F. C. Hagens.

The trustees approved and adopted the report and ordered it sent to all managers as a preliminary plan to be followed as far as practicable. They also voted the agricultural experts of the planters' experiment station be detailed to follow up the various phases presented, with the individual managers, and prevent duplication of work.

The report, which is regarded as in dealing one of the most important moves the sugar planters have taken in years, is given herewith in full:

Experiment Station, Honolulu, T. H., April 23, 1917.

Mr. J. F. C. Hagens, Chairman Experiment Station Committee, Honolulu.

Dear Sir: In response to your request for suggestions relative to the plantations' entering into the movement to produce other food crops than sugar after a conference with Major Chas. S. Lincoln, United States Army; Mr. John M. Westgate, United States Experiment Station; Dr. Arthur L. Dean, College of Agriculture and Forestry; and members of the staff of this station, the following measures are proposed for your consideration.

1. That each plantation should set aside for experimental trials with miscellaneous food crops an area amounting to one acre for each 1,000 tons of sugar produced in the 1917 crop; that these areas be handled in co-operation with this Experiment Station, which will keep records of the crops grown, noting the successes and failures of different crops in different districts, prepare planting schedules when such are desired by the plantations, manage, supply seed from reliable sources (either gratis or cost depending on the amount), and act in general as a medium for an exchange of information in this work.

2. That the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association enter into the question of marketing the surplus food products that may be produced by the plantations; that this be done through the Territorial Marketing Division if that institution is prepared to handle the business, or if not that the Association provide funds to adequately meet the situation.

3. That the plantations give due regard to the following matters:

(a) Sugar: Owing to the national food shortage, and the importance of sugar in this regard, the plantations should handle their work with miscellaneous food products in such a way as to interfere as little as possible with their output of sugar.

(b) Stock Feeds: In cane tops and molasses the plantations now possess feed stuffs of immense value. The production of cane tops (at 1 tons per acre) amounts annually to more than 500,000 tons; the molasses amounts to 125,000 tons. If these products could be fully utilized they are sufficient to maintain about 100,000 head of stock. These by-products should be employed more fully in connection with the plantation live stock. The importation of grain and hay should be reduced accordingly. Each plantation should consider the possible advantage of obtaining cattle from nearby ranches and feeding them for beef and milk production.

(Many of the ranches have a limited amount of provender for their stock. By diverting some cattle to plantation feeding pens it might then be feasible to butcher many head at an earlier age than is now customary, thus increasing the meat supply.)

Where nearby dairies are suffering from want of feedstuffs, it is proposed that the plantations offer

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CHAMBER'S PART IN ELECTION IS DISCUSSED TODAY

Resolved: That the Chamber of Commerce as an organization actively and aggressively support four candidates for the office of supervisor who will in their opinion work for sound business principles and management.

The above resolution was introduced at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce by the county and municipal affairs committee this afternoon for a discussion as to whether the chamber shall actively enter into politics. From the discussion up to the time of going to press the majority of the members seemed to be opposed to the plan although willing to work for a business administration individually.

Norman Watkins, for the resolution, said that he believed it would be an entering wedge for something better to follow. He did not believe that much could be done at this election. W. H. McHenry strongly opposed its adoption believing it would affect the influence of the chamber for the worse. The chamber should be non-partisan, he thought.

Ed Towse pointed out that it simply meant that the Chamber of Commerce would control the board of supervisors.

E. H. Paris thought such support would do the candidate more harm than good which remark was scored by W. R. Farrington. "I believe we are in the midst of a crisis in municipal affairs and the businessmen, therefore, should organize in a business way in order to obtain a business administration," Farrington said.

POLICEMAN GIVEN 15-DAY PENALTY

Henry Daniels, police officer, is guilty as charged of mistreating R. R. Bevington and David Crawford, two soldiers of the 4th Cavalry, Mar. 24, and therefore is suspended from the force for a period of 15 days without pay, is the decision handed down at noon today by the civil service commission. As no charge was filed against Edward Ross by the army he was not suspended.

In handing down the decision Noa W. Aiuli, chairman, said: "We have taken into consideration the fact that Daniels has been on the police force but a short time, and as it is his first offense we have suspended him only 15 days. We believe that he did his best and intended to be kind to the

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Man From Honolulu Declared Swindler

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 25.—W. W. Charles, arriving from Honolulu, has been arrested here. He is charged with swindling a Palm Beach bank of \$12,000.

Police and federal prosecuting officials said today that they know nothing of this case.

BASEBALL RESULTS TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Philadelphia—New York 9, Philadelphia 8.
At Cincinnati—Chicago 4, Cincinnati 2.
At St. Louis—Pittsburg 10, St. Louis 8.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 6, Boston 5; called in 12th inning on account of darkness.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Chicago—Cleveland 4, Chicago 1.
At Boston—Boston 5, Washington 4.
At New York—Philadelphia 4, New York 2.
At St. Louis—Rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	8	2	.800
St. Louis	9	5	.643
Boston	5	4	.556
Chicago	7	7	.500
Cincinnati	7	8	.467
Pittsburg	6	9	.400
Brooklyn	3	6	.333
Philadelphia	3	7	.300

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	9	3	.750
Boston	7	4	.635
New York	6	4	.600
Cleveland	6	6	.500
St. Louis	5	6	.455
Philadelphia	5	7	.417
Washington	4	7	.364
Detroit	3	8	.273

WHY ANDREWS IS CHANGING FRONT ON ABATEMENT BILL

Representative Lorin Andrews has changed front on the "abatement" bill because a majority of the house yesterday upheld the governor's veto on his pet city charter bill.

Andrews' threat that the abatement bill—now in his own committee, the judiciary committee—would be killed was told briefly in the late news column of the Star-Bulletin yesterday. Today the Star-Bulletin asked two men to whom the threat was made to give signed statements of what occurred. These two—Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the chamber of commerce, and James A. Rath—have made the following signed statements:

STATEMENT BY RAYMOND C. BROWN

To keep in touch with the action of the legislature on the abatement by injunction bill, I went to the legislature yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the bill was supposed to come in for consideration by a committee of the whole.

Speaker Holstein, at the appointed time, announced that the house would now consider the abatement by injunction bill, whereupon Representative Fernandez moved that it be postponed until Thursday, April 26, at 2 o'clock p. m. when the house would go into committee of the whole for consideration of the measure.

Following this action, I met Mr. Lorin Andrews in the senate chamber and asked him what the move meant. My object in asking the question was, that he, as chairman of the judiciary committee, which committee had the bill in charge, was personally supposed to favor passage of the bill, in fact he is reported to have made the statement that he favored the bill. Mr. Andrews told me, with some apparent anger, that the abatement bill was going to be defeated on account of "your position on the charter bill." He did not state who was meant by "your," but I took it to mean the chamber of commerce because the chamber has been particularly active in certain amendments to the charter bill. I then asked him what the charter bill had to do with the abatement bill. He replied that it had nothing to do with the abatement bill, but that was the reason for defeating the abatement bill.

Mr. Rath, who was with me in the corridor of the executive building, asked Mr. Andrews if he had not, up to this time, been in favor of the abatement bill. Mr. Andrews replied, yes, that he had, but that he had changed his mind on account of the attitude of these fellows in the house, meaning, I suppose, the men who voted to sustain Gov. Pinkham in his veto of the charter bill.

RAYMOND C. BROWN.

STATEMENT BY JAMES A. RATH

I was asked to attend a meeting of the house of representatives, sitting as a committee of the whole, on senate bill 10, commonly known as the abatement by injunction bill.

On reaching the executive building I was informed at the consideration of the bill was postponed to Thursday, April 26, when it would be killed. While talking with Mr. Farrington, Mr. Andrews passed through the hall when I hailed him and asked him how much truth there was in the statement that the abatement bill would be killed on Thursday because of the veto of the governor on the city charter bill. Mr. Andrews replied that it was not because of the veto, but because the house had upheld the veto of the governor that he would vote against the abatement bill.

I reminded Mr. Andrews of his volunteered statement and promises at a meeting of a few citizens in the Hawaiian Trust Company's building that he was not in favor of the closing of Iwilei but of the passage of an injunction bill. His reply to this was that on account of the bill having been changed considerably that he felt it lacked punch, but was willing in spite of this so-called defect to vote for the bill as certain good people desired it, but in view of the fact that certain members of the fourth district had sustained the governor's veto on the charter bill, he did not feel bound to vote for the abatement by injunction bill.

My reply to Mr. Andrews was that I could not follow his line of reasoning as some of us who had worked and backed the abatement by injunction bill had nothing to do with the city charter bill.

JAS. A. RATH.

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

MORE GERMAN SAILORS ORDERED DETAINED HERE

Forty-two German merchant officers and sailors who were taken off the German refugee merchant steamer at Pago Pago on the declaration of war with Germany and brought here were taken to the U. S. immigration station for detention. Richard L. Halsey, inspector in charge of the local station, at 3 o'clock today said only that he was acting under orders from Washington.

PROHIBITION AGAIN COMES UP IN SENATE

In presenting the majority report of the judiciary committee of the senate this afternoon on House Bill 353, the Andrews prohibition bill, and which report recommended the tabling of the measure, Chairman Castle moved the tabling of the majority report itself and at the same time stated that a minority report would be presented. The minority report recommends amendments as suggested by former Governor Peary for combining the best features of senate and house bills.

SAN FRANCISCO TELLS OF WATERFRONT PRECAUTIONS

At the harbor board's meeting this afternoon a cable reply to the board's inquiry sent the San Francisco harbor commission as to war-time protective measures in that port, was read. It is dated April 24, 7 p. m., and says: "Your wire 23d received. Commission has employed 30 watchmen and special police to patrol entire front from 4 p. m. to 8 a. m. A few secret service men employed in addition to 600 employees of commission who act as watchmen during daytime in addition to regular duties. All persons not having legitimate business on wharves are not admitted. H. Coggriff, secretary, harbor commission."

DEFENSIVE SEA AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT

A copy of President Wilson's executive order designating defensive sea areas of the United States, including Honolulu and Manila, was received by the harbor board this afternoon from Capt. George R. Clark, commandant of Pearl Harbor naval station. The limits of the Honolulu area are designated in the order as follows: "Outer limit, arcs of circle centers Diamond Head light and Honolulu Harbor light, radii 9 nautical miles. Inner limit, line across channel at No. 7 fixed light." The designated entrances for vessels incoming to the local area are "Honolulu Harbor light bearing north-north-east (true) distant 10 nautical miles. The designated entrance for outgoing vessels is in the harbor, north of Honolulu Harbor lighthouse." The president's order is dated April 5, 1917.

GUTHRIE'S BODY TO BE TAKEN TO U. S. ON CRUISER STOPPING AT HONOLULU

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, Japan, April 25.—Official announcement is made that a Japanese first class cruiser will convey to San Francisco the remains of the late Ambassador Guthrie, the American representative to Japan, who died last month at his post.

Captain T. Nino was appointed to command the cruiser to the American port. Baron Lieutenant-Commander Tanaka and Commander Tanaka were also especially detailed by the admiralty to accompany the remains of the late American diplomat to the United States.

An official cablegram received this morning by Consul-General R. Moroi confirms the above despatch received by the local Japanese paper. The cruiser, the official cablegram added, will make a prolonged call at Honolulu. The stay in this port of the

Japanese cruiser will be four days. Mrs. Guthrie, the widow of the late distinguished American diplomat, will be a passenger on board a liner which will stop at Honolulu.

LES DARCY CAN'T FIGHT IN OHIO, SAYS GOVERNOR

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 25.—Gov. Cox of Ohio today issued an order forbidding Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, from fighting George Chip, the American pugilist, at Youngstown on May 12. Darcy has already been refused a permit to fight in New York on the ground that he is a "slacker" from Australia.

The Nebraska senate killed the bill which would have permitted women to vote for president and many municipal and county officers. Joaquin Sanchez, minister of war and marine at Montevideo, has resigned. He was appointed minister of war and marine July 22, 1915.

Militia Order Forecasts Early Mobilization

Governor, With Advice of Army Here, Orders Men With Dependent Families to Be Honorably Discharged From National Guard

Mobilization of the National Guard of Hawaii at any moment is forecast in orders by Governor Pinkham, commander-in-chief of the guard, sent all over the territory today authorizing the honorable discharge of guardsmen with dependent families.

Here are the governor's instructions to Brig-Gen. Johnson:

Brig-Gen. Samuel I. Johnson, Adjutant General, National Guard, Territory of Hawaii, Honolulu, T. H.

Sir: The commanding general of the Hawaiian Department requests the following orders of the war department, the chief militia bureau, be immediately put into force:

1. The secretary of war authorizes the discharge of all enlisted men of the National Guard who have families dependent upon them for support, the members of which would, while the soldier is in federal service, be entitled to the benefits provided by the acts of Congress approved August 23 and September 6, 1915 (General Orders 47, war department, 1916), whether the men desire to be discharged or not.

2. The word "family" as used above includes only wife, children and dependent mother.

3. No discharge should be granted under this authority without investigation sufficient to determine fully the facts in the case.

The Hawaiian department is of the opinion mobilization may be ordered at any moment, hence I direct the order be transmitted to regimental commanders by wireless as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
LUCIUS E. PINKHAM,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

National Guard leaders unofficially estimate that something like 20 per cent of the guard of the territory will be affected by these orders. The remaining 80 per cent have no dependent families under the meaning explained by the governor.

It is on Oahu that the reduction of the guard will probably be most acutely felt. On the other islands there are enough applications for enlistment held up awaiting mobilization news to fill out the guard after the men with dependents are discharged.

REICHSTAG TORN BY FOOD FAMINE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., April 25.—News comes from Germany that the reichstag has adjourned to May 2, after a brief session. The Socialists demanded that the session continue, to discuss the food problem. George Ledebour, leader of the Social Democrats, declared: "Thousands of workmen have been forced to abandon work owing to their distress."

The statement caused an uproar in the house and permission to continue was refused him.

FIRST GREAT LOAN HANDED TO ALLIES

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today handed to the British ambassador a United States treasury warrant for \$200,000,000—the first war loan by the United States to the Allies, under the terms of the seven billion dollar war bill just passed by congress.

ANOTHER BATTLE, VILLA-CARRANZA

EL PASO, Texas, April 25.—An engagement is reported between 3000 of Carranza's cavalry and the main body of the Villa army in western Chihuahua. It is stated that the Villistas were routed and many were killed and wounded.

U. S. GUNNERS ON ANNIVERSARY OF LEXINGTON, SEND PIRATE OF SEAS TO BOTTOM BY CLEAN HIT

Haig's Men Smashing Teuton Lines Between Cambrai and St. Quentin—French Gain in Champagne

(Associated Press by Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Speaker Champ Clark today took the floor of the house as champion of the volunteer amendment to the army bill and as opposing the president's plan of selective conscription.

He declared: "I protest against having the slur of being a conscript placed on the men of Missouri. There is precious little difference between conscript and convict."

Advocates of selective conscription, without the volunteer amendment, claim that they have a majority of 60 or 70 in the house.

LONDON, England, April 25.—The first gun of America's war on Germany has been fired, and it sent to the bottom one of Germany's pirating U-boats.

Captain Rice of the American steamship Mongolia, which has arrived at a British port from the United States, said on arrival that the Mongolia fired the first gun for the United States and sunk a German submarine. The naval gunners manning the guns on the Mongolia scored a clean hit at a distance of 1000 yards. The shot struck the periscope of the U-boat and before the submarine went down it was seen that the periscope was shattered. There is no doubt that the submarine was sunk.

The Mongolia's encounter occurred on April 19. Thus it was on the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, when the first shot of the American Revolution was fired, that the first gun sounded in the new war for American principles.

Captain Rice told the story today as follows: "We were going full speed ahead when the submarine appeared. Two minutes after we saw it the submarine submerged and emerged again a thousand yards off. Its intention probably was to catch us broadside but when it appeared we had the stern gun trained full on it. The lieutenant gave the command and the big gun boomed. We saw the periscope shattered and the submarine disappeared."

"The name of the gun was 'Theodore Roosevelt,' so Teddy fired the first gun of the war after all."

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 25.—The Mongolia left an American port on April 7, bound for Europe. This is her second trip since the German submarine declaration of April 1.

The Mongolia and her skipper, Captain Emory Rice, are well known in Honolulu, since the Mongolia for many years was in the Pacific Mail service. Captain Rice has countless friends and admirers here and many of them heard with enthusiasm today of the part the Mongolia has played in the early days of war.

British and French Press Hard On West; Great Aeroplane Battles

The Associated Press today sent the following summary of the war on the western front:

"Gen. Haig today is directing an attack on a three-mile front between the Coteul and the Scarpe rivers, where further British gains have been secured."

"Haig's men are also gaining south of the Arras front and are smashing the German lines between Cambrai and St. Quentin."

PARIS, France, April 25.—The French have scored substantial gains in Champagne, moving forward last night. The Germans made a futile effort to raid the French trenches but were repulsed, leaving many dead in the wire entanglements.

LONDON, England, April 25.—The British have taken 3025 prisoners since Monday, including 56 officers captured at Bihorel.

BERLIN, Germany, April 25.—Since Tuesday, fighting on the west front for the possession of Gavrelle has continued. Twenty airplanes of the enemy were downed by the Germans on Monday and 19 on Tuesday, according to official announcement.

Allies Do Not Ask Formal Alliance

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British commission now visiting the United States, said today that the Allies do not think of asking the United States to depart from its traditional policies of political isolation, or to enter any formal alliance with other nations that might prove embarrassing.

He said: "Our confidence in the alliance and in the assurances of the United States is not based on such shallow considerations as, after from treaties. No treaty could increase the unbounded confidence that the United States, having entered the war, will see it through to the great end we all hope for."

BUCKEYE CLUB MEETING

Remember the Buckeye Club meeting at Mr. Westervelt's, Waikiki, tomorrow (Thursday) evening, to welcome Mrs. Lucien O. Warner of New York. E. A. Adams of Chicago and J. H. Williams, acting pastor of Central Union church.

RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

At the Singapore Rubber Auctions held this week commencing Wednesday, plantation pale crepe realized 68.40 cents per pound. The New York price for the corresponding date was 82 1/2 cents.